

REMARKS

The applicants thank the examiner for acknowledging applicants' claim for foreign priority and reception of the certified copy of the foreign priority document that was submitted on 22 April 2004. The applicants also thank the examiner for having returned initialed copies of the PTO 1449s that were submitted on 22 April 2004 and 13 July 2005.

Claims 1 – 21 are currently pending. Claims 1 – 4 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 12 – 21 have been withdrawn. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The examiner has objected to the title for being non-descriptive. The applicants have accordingly amended the title to recite "EQUIPMENT FOR BONDING PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS." Therefore, because the title, as amended, is clearly descriptive of the invention, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the title be withdrawn.

Claims 5 – 8 and 10 – 11 were objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to be in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants have accordingly amended claims 5, 8 and 10 to be in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the objection to claims 5, 8 and 10 should be withdrawn.

Claims 6 – 7 depend from claim 5 and claim 11 depends from claim 10. Therefore, the objection to claims 6 – 7 and 11 should also be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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